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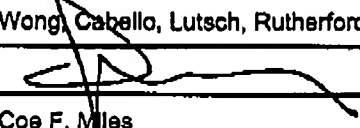
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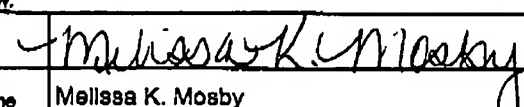
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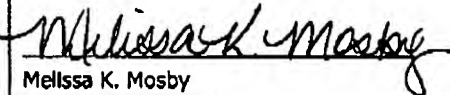
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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Restriction Requirement, Assignee elects to pursue those claims drawn to class II: claims 18-32. (The Examiner identifies only claims 18-30 as belonging to class II, neglecting to explicitly identify which class claims 31 and 32. See Office Action dated 19 October 2004 at page 2.)

For at least the reasons set forth in Assignee's Reply to Office Action (dated 12 May 2004), each of the elected claims are believed patentable over the cited prior art.

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